



WESTON

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Weston is an attractive suburban town on the perimeter of metropolitan Boston. Incorporated in 1713, the town is located on a rugged upland plateau. Early settlers discovered that the amount of useful agricultural land was limited as was the water power potential in the town. But colonists moving in from Watertown in the mid-17th century established scattered farms in Weston and by 1679 a sawmill, several taverns, some doctors and, according to the historians, "probably some lawyers", had settled in Weston. By the 18th century residents were profiting by the traffic on the Boston Post Road. Taverns of great historic importance were established on the Road. The Golden Ball Tavern, built in 1750, still exists in the town. Unfortunately, commercial stagnation followed the loss of business after the opening of the Worcester Turnpike in 1810 drew commercial traffic from the Boston Post Road. Townspeople turned to boot and shoe making, and the manufacturing of cotton and woolen mill machinery. By 1870, substantial country estates were being built in Weston by Bostonians, establishing a prosperous residential character for the town. Farming continued to be a significant support for the local economy and an organ factory opened in 1888 which employed some residents. The Weston Aqueduct and Reservoir was built in 1903 and the Hultman Aqueduct followed it in 1938

to bring Quabbin Reservoir water into Boston.

In exchange, Boston residents continued to build homes in Weston, many of them architect designed. Such famous architects as McKim and Richardson designed luxurious houses in the town, which witnessed a rapid increase in population from 1920 to 1935 and then again after World War II. The Boston oriented suburbanization has continued as a major factor of the town's development. Residents are very proud of the town's school system and the handsome homes in quiet, well-kept neighborhoods, but tend to brush off the town's reputation as one of the most affluent communities in the state.

Weston has carefully retained significant amounts of open space and maintains over 60 miles of hiking and horseback riding trails, playgrounds, ball fields, golf courses and cross-country skiing areas.&l27;

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the

Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lincoln on the north, Waltham and Newton on the east, Wellesley on the south, Natick on the southwest, and Wayland on the west. Weston is 12 miles west of Boston, 27 miles south of Lowell, 29 miles east of Worcester, and 207 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 17.34 sq. miles

Land Area: 17.02 sq. miles

Population: 10,200

Density: 599 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Natick, Concord

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 893-7320

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1713

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 6,803

Democrats 1,495 22.0 % Republicans 1,723 25.3 % Other parties 2 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 3,583 52.7 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Weston town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	11,469	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	11,469	100.0
Male.....	5,323	46.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	218	1.9
Female.....	6,146	53.6	Mexican.....	38	0.3
Under 5 years.....	794	6.9	Puerto Rican.....	16	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	967	8.4	Cuban.....	19	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	984	8.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	145	1.3
15 to 19 years.....	787	6.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	11,251	98.1
20 to 24 years.....	522	4.6	White alone.....	10,167	88.6
25 to 34 years.....	562	4.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,778	15.5	Total population.....	11,469	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,941	16.9	In households.....	10,609	92.5
55 to 59 years.....	671	5.9	Householder.....	3,718	32.4
60 to 64 years.....	571	5.0	Spouse.....	2,719	23.7
65 to 74 years.....	905	7.9	Child.....	3,700	32.3
75 to 84 years.....	627	5.5	Own child under 18 years.....	3,150	27.5
85 years and over.....	360	3.1	Other relatives.....	201	1.8
Median age (years).....	41.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	56	0.5
18 years and over.....	8,254	72.0	Nonrelatives.....	271	2.4
Male.....	3,657	31.9	Unmarried partner.....	62	0.5
Female.....	4,597	40.1	In group quarters.....	860	7.5
21 years and over.....	7,733	67.4	Institutionalized population.....	181	1.6
62 years and over.....	2,224	19.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	679	5.9
65 years and over.....	1,892	16.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	899	7.3	Total households.....	3,718	100.0
Female.....	1,053	9.2	Family households (families).....	2,993	80.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,574	42.3
One race.....	11,330	98.8	Married-couple family.....	2,719	73.1
White.....	10,352	90.3	With own children under 18 years.....	1,435	38.6
Black or African American.....	135	1.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	207	5.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	6	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	110	3.0
Asian.....	782	6.8	Nonfamily households.....	725	19.5
Asian Indian.....	204	1.8	Householder living alone.....	638	17.2
Chinese.....	367	3.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	392	10.5
Filipino.....	24	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,608	43.2
Japanese.....	26	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,143	30.7
Korean.....	85	0.7	Average household size.....	2.85	(X)
Vietnamese.....	31	0.3	Average family size.....	3.21	(X)
Other Asian ¹	45	0.4	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	0.1	Total housing units.....	3,825	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,718	97.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	107	2.8
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	5	-	occasional use.....	29	0.8
Some other race.....	49	0.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	139	1.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	3,718	100.0
White.....	10,472	91.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,203	86.1
Black or African American.....	151	1.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	515	13.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	25	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.01	(X)
Asian.....	866	7.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.87	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	0.1			
Some other race.....	89	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Weston is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 30, 117, and 128 I-95, the inner belt around Boston; U.S. Route 20; and the Massachusetts Turnpike, I-90.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from Hastings (travel time 30-31 min.; no MBTA parking) and Kendal Green (travel time 28-29 min.; 100 MBTA parking spaces). Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

Bus

Weston is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Cavalier Coach Corp., provides commuter service to 4 locations in Boston.

Other

L.G. Hanscom Field, a joint civil-military airport, is located in neighboring Bedford. A Reliever Airport with Commercial Service (CR), it has a 5,106' asphalt runway and a 7,001' concrete and asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. There is fixed route bus service from Hanscom Field to the MBTA Red Line.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum

235 Wellesley Street

(781) 894-8056

Weston Historical Society

626 Boston Post Road

(781) 894-2872

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Campion Res. & Renewal Center

Weston Manor Nursing & Retirement

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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